

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:66, relative to the crime of extortion; to provide additional
3 types of threats sufficient to constitute extortion; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:66 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §66. Extortion

7 A. Extortion is the communication of threats to another with the intention
8 thereby to obtain anything of value or any acquittance, advantage, or immunity of
9 any description. ~~The~~ Any one of the following kinds of threats shall be sufficient to
10 constitute extortion:

11 (1) A threat to do any unlawful injury to the person or property of the
12 individual threatened or of any member of his family or of any other person held
13 dear to him;

14 (2) A threat to accuse the individual threatened or any member of his family
15 or any other person held dear to him of any crime;

16 (3) A threat to expose or impute any deformity or disgrace to the individual
17 threatened or to any member of his family or to any other person held dear to him;

18 (4) A threat to expose any secret affecting the individual threatened or any
19 member of his family or any other person held dear to him;

20 (5) A threat to cause harm as retribution for participation in any legislative
21 hearing or proceeding, administrative proceeding, or in any other legal action.

1 (6) A threat to do any other harm.

2 B. Whoever commits the crime of extortion shall be imprisoned at hard labor

3 for not less than one nor more than fifteen years.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____